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SUBJECT: Final Results of Sanctionable Pended Encounters September 2024

Dear Ms. Carter:

This attached information will provide the final aged pended encounter sanctions for the quarter ending September 2024. According to the Contract YH19-0001-03, Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ Health Choice (HCA) is required to resolve all pended encounters within 120 calendar days of the processing date. If this requirement is not met, the Contractor is subject to sanctions.


The exception to the above is when the pended encounter is due to an Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) error. AHCCCS error is defined as a pended encounter, which AHCCCS acknowledges to be the result of its own error, and requires a change to the system programming, an update to the database reference table, or further research by AHCCCS. Contractors must notify AHCCCS, in writing, that the resolution of a pended encounter depends on AHCCCS instead of the Contractor. Pended encounters do not qualify as AHCCCS error if AHCCCS reviews the Contractor's notification and asks the Contractor to research the issue and provide additional substantiating documentation, or if AHCCCS disagrees with the Contractor's claims of AHCCCS error.

The final sanction number pended encounters for this quarter is zero (0). There is no sanction for September 2024.

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If you have any questions regarding your pended encounter sanctions, please contact Gina Aker at Gina.Aker@azahcccs.gov, (602) 417-4016.

Sincerely,

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